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SUBJ: SOVIET ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTION

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1. MISSION AND ACDA OFFICERS HAVE DISCUSSED SOV ENMOD RESOLUTION WITH DEL OFFS OF FRG, UK, FRANCE, CANADA, NETHERLANDS, JAPAN, ITALY AND AUSTRIA. DRAWING ON STATE 223020 US OFFICIALS RECALLED US-USSR SOVIET JOINT SUMMIT STATE-MENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL WARFARE, SAID US COULD SUPPORT APPROPRIATE ENMOD RESOLUTION INCLUDING REFERRAL OF QUESTION TO CCD, AND POINTED OUT DIFFICULTIES WE SEE IN CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESENT SOVIET RESOLUTION. DEL OFFS WERE ALSO TOLD WE BELIEVE

BEST COURSE WOULD BE TO SEEK CHANGES IN SOV
RES WHICH WOULD MAKE IT ACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR SERIOUS
STUDY IN CCD OF POSSIBILITIES OF EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO
OVERCOME DANGERS OF USE OF ENVIRONMENT MODIFICATION
TECHNIQUES FOR MILITARY PURPOSES. DEL OFFS ALL HAD
RESERVATIONS ON SOVIET RES SIMILAR TO OURS AND ALL EXPRESSED
INTEREST IN WORKING WITH US OR SUPPORTING CHANGES IN
LANGUAGE OF RES

- 2. CANADIAN DEL OFF (WRIGHT) SAID OTTAWA DID NOT LIKE SOVIET CONVENTION AND WOULD NOT WANT TO GIVE IT ANY STATUS. BUT COULD SUPPORT RES WHICH DID NOT PREJUDGE ANYOF ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED IN CCD. HE REPORTED SOVS HAD ASKED CANADA, FINLAND, SWEDEN AND AUSTRIA TO CO-SPONSOR. CANADA UNLIKELY TO CO-SPONSOR AND SWEDES HAD TOLD CANADIANS THEY WOULD NOT CO-SPONSOR. FRG DEL OFF (METTERNICH) SAID SOV PROPOSAL "DIFFICULT TO DEBUNK" AND HE FAVORED CONCERTED WESTERN APPROACH TO SOVS ON LANGUAGE CHANGES, BUT EXPRESSED DOUBT ON LEVERAGE AVAILABLE TO WESTERN COUNTRIES, OTHER THAN US. SINCE PRESENT SOV RES WIDELY ACCEPTABLE. AUSTRIAN DEL OFF (LENNKH) REPORTED SOVS SEEKING CO-SPONSORHSIP OF RES FROM FIVE COUNTRIES IN EACH UN GEOGRAPHIC GROUP. HE BELIEVED FINLAND LIKELY TO CO-SPONSOR PRESENT RES. AUSTRIA MIGHT DO SO IF LANGUAGE OF RES ULTIMATELY PROVED SATISFACTORY TO MAJOR WESTERN MILITARY POWERS. NETHERLANDS, JAPAN AND ITALY WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS ON ENMOD, BUT DUBIOUS OF VAGUENESS OF "OTHER PURPOSES" IN SOV RES AND AGREED FURTHER WESTERN CONSULTATIONS DESIRABLE.
- 3. FRENCH DEL OFF (SCALABRE) SAID REFERRAL OF QUESTION TO CCD POSED OBVIOUS PROBLEM FOR FRANCE, AND WHILE THEY LIKELY TO ABSTAIN ON RES THEY WOULD PREFER IT TO BE MORE "PRECISE", AND WOULD CONSIDER SUPPORTING WITH OVS LANGUAGE CHANGES WE MIGHT PROPOSE. SCALABRE ALSO SAID FACT CONVENTION MIGHT BE CONCLUDED AT CCD WOULD NOT BE BAR TO EVENTUAL FRENCH ADHERENCE IF IT OTHERWISE SATISFACTORY.
- 4. AUSTRIAN, FRENCH AND FRG DEL OFFS REPORTED PRC UNDECIDED ON HOW TO APPROACH SOV PROPOSAL. CHINESE AWARE LIKELY CONFIDENTIAL

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THIRD WORLD SUPPORT AND THEREFORE DID NOT WISH ATTACK PROPOSAL, BUT BOTH FRG AND FRENCH DEL OFFS REPORTED CHINESE HAD TOLD THEM THEY HAD NOT THOUGHT OF A WAY TO KILL THE PROPOSAL BUT WERE LOOKING FOR ONE.

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